

Honorable Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission
(FCC):

In re: Docket 02-277; I wish to submit comment pleading for the retention of all FCC rules in question, in order to preserve a diversity of ownership in broadcast media local and/or regional markets. These rules are The Television-Radio Cross-ownership Rule, The Broadcast-Newspaper Cross-Ownership Rule, The National Television Ownership Rule, The Duopoly Rule for Radio, The Local Television Ownership Rule, and The Dual Network Rule.

These rules help maintain the diversity of ideas, discussion, reporting, and editorial policy in our broadcast media. This diversity is critical to establishing a well-informed public, and thus necessary to our democratic processes.

Your maintaining these rules will help allay public distrust of government agencies, and the wide-spread perception that our administrative agencies have been "captured" by the commercial entities they are charged with regulating. Thank-you for your attention.

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